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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the first office action, please amend the instant application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please substitute the attached amended paragraphs of pages 1, 5, and 11 for the corresponding paragraphs of the literal translation. Please add the attached Abstract of the Disclosure to the specification.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1 through 23 of the literal translation are cancelled.

Please add the attached new claims 24-47 to the specification.